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Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-20 (canceled)

Claim 21 (currently amended): A gaming chip for use in a bet in a casino game, the gaming chip comprising:

a transponder;

a memory located within the transponder;

a data field in said memory, wherein an identification identifying a first class for the gaming chip is located in said data field;

a game denominational value contained in the transponder;

~~the identification stored in the memory, wherein the identification differentiates differentiating~~ the first class gaming chip from at least one other class of gaming chips when said first class gaming chip and said at least one other class of gaming chips are intermingled within said bet, the transponder transmitting said game denominational value and said identification in response to a received signal. ~~signal, wherein each of said gaming chips of said at least one other class includes a data field within a memory of said other class of gaming chips. each gaming chip:~~

Claim 22 (canceled)

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Claim 23 (previously presented): The gaming chip of claim 21 wherein said identification is encrypted.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The gaming chip of claim 21 wherein said identification identifies said gaming chip as a progressive wager.

Claim 25 (canceled)

Claim 26 (previously presented): The gaming chip of claim 21 wherein said gaming chips of said at least one other class do not include a data field.

Claim 27 (currently amended): Apparatus for use in a bet in a betting area of a casino game, the apparatus comprising:

at least one gaming chip of a first class ~~in said bet in the casino game~~ having a first transponder containing at least value information;

at least one gaming chip of a second class ~~in said bet in the casino game~~ having a second transponder containing at least value and class information, when said at least first class gaming chip and said at least second class gaming are intermingled within said ~~bet~~, bet:

wherein said gaming chip of said first class and said gaming chip of said second class are configured to be read by a transceiver in a vicinity near said betting area for transmitting signals and receiving signals to and from said first and second transponders, the first transponder transmitting at least said value information and said second transponder transmitting at least said value and class information to said transceiver.

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Claim 28 (currently amended): Apparatus for betting in a betting area of a casino game, the apparatus comprising:

at least one gaming chip of a first class in said betting area having a first transponder containing at least value information;

at least one gaming chip of a second class in said betting area having a second transponder containing at least value and class information;

wherein said gaming chip of said first class and said gaming chip of said second class are configured to be read by a transceiver in a vicinity near said betting area for transmitting signals and receiving signals to and from said first and second transponders, wherein said at least one first class gaming chip transmits primary signals identifying a value of said at least one first class gaming chip, chip to said transceiver, and wherein said at least one second class gaming chip transmits secondary signals identifying a value and class of said at least one second class gaming chip, chip to said transceiver, said secondary signals differentiating said at least one second class gaming chip from said at least one first class gaming chip.

Claim 29 (canceled)

Claim 30 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 27 wherein said value and class information contained in said second transponder identifies said second class casino chip as a progressive wager.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 27 wherein said value and class information contained in said second transponder identifies a player using said second class casino chip.

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Claim 32 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 27 wherein said value and class information contained in said second transponder identifies a player using said second class casino chip as qualifying for both a live card game and a progressive game.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 27 wherein said value and class information in said second transponder includes a denominational value.

Claim 34 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 27 wherein said value and class information contained in said second transponder include a non-denominational value.

Claim 35 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 34 wherein the non-denominational value is a promotional prize and the class is a promotion.

Claim 36 (previously presented): A gaming chip for use in a casino game, the casino game associated with a promotion, the gaming chip comprising:

a transponder;

a memory located in the transponder;

promotion information encoded into the memory in the transponder, the transponder transmitting said promotion information in response to a received signal to differentiate the gaming chip associated with the promotion from other gaming chips intermingled within said bet.

Claim 37 (previously presented): The gaming chip of claim 36 wherein the promotion information is a progressive game.

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Claim 38 (previously presented): The gaming chip of claim 36 wherein the promotion information is a bonus game.

Claim 39 (previously presented): The gaming chip of claim 36 wherein the promotion information includes a promotional prize.

Claim 40 (previously presented): The gaming chip of claim 36 wherein the gaming chip is visually indicated as special.